

The Bulletin.**Gov. PALMER ON THE CUBANS AND STATES RIGHTS.**

Governor Palmer has declined an appointment as Vice-President for Illinois of an association organized in New York to aid the Cubans. Two reasons are assigned by Mr. Palmer for the declination:

1. Because he does not think it consistent with the duty of the Governor of one of the United States to aid insurgents against the authority of a government with which his United States are at peace.

2. Because he has no evidence that the so-called "patriotic party" of Cuba have been engaged in the abolition of slavery.

The Governor has bowed himself very gallantly out of an embarrassing position; few persons who are acquainted with his record will give him credit for honesty in his professions of regard for the rights of the States and the proper duties of the Federal Government. "I am," he says, "an old-fashioned States rights man. I could not interfere with the proper duties of the Federal government, and resist all encroachments from that quarter upon the proper powers and duties of the States." This is the language of a Democrat soaked through with the grand doctrine of the party of the constitution, but it does not become the mouth of a man who belongs to a party which has attacked all the rights of the States and has consolidated in the government almost supreme authority. If Governor Palmer's, in truth, what he professes to be, why does he—how can he—sit patiently by and contemplate without protest the spectacle now to be seen at Washington City, where the Congress, acting under a constitution in which the powers delegated to the Federal authority are recorded, has erected itself into a body possessed of absolute sovereignty, and is delegating powers and rights to States of the Union, while it is reserving to itself certain powers not consistent with the old-fashioned idea of States rights about which the Governor not infrequently speaks in terms of high commendation? It cannot be possible that Governor Palmer is honest when he professes to be a States Rights man of old school. If he is, he is at the same time a political hypocrite, since his precepts and practices in respect to the rights of states and the powers of the Federal government are diametrically opposite to each other. If we take for granted the Governor's assertion that he is an old-fashioned States rights man, his first reason for refusing while Governor of a State of the United States to become a member of an association organized to give aid and comfort to insurgents against the authority of a nation at peace with the government, ill command itself to the approval of every intelligent citizen; but looking at the man given as the expression of an sincere man endeavoring to escape responsibility by the use of glittering generalities, it will be a difficult task to withhold from the Governor that kind of admiration which the sharp practices of all rascals above the ordinary grade never fail to impress on the public.

The other reason of the Governor for refusing to give his sympathy to the Cuban insurgents is not a good reason. If the insurgents have not abolished slavery, neither is Spain; and the question that the Governor is asked to answer is: With which you sympathize? With the Cubans we are struggling for the right of self-government, and who, for all you know, may have decreed the destruction of every, or with the Spanish government which is attempting to hold in subjugation unwilling people, and which, you know, recognizes slavery as an institution entitled the protection of the strong arm of government? The Governor must find sounder ground to stand upon than his second son for refusing to give aid and comfort to the struggling people of Cuba.

PUNCHINELLO.

We have received the first number of *Punchinello*, a humorous and satirical weekly paper. It is published by the *Punchinello* Publishing Company, No. 83 Main Street, New York, to which address communications, remittances, etc., should sent. One copy one year, in advance.

This is the most pretentious paper of kind ever published in America, and beyond all doubt an abler humorously than any that has yet made its appearance. The first number is worth all numbers of all humorous papers ever published in the Union. If the publishers do not give to *Punchinello* a liberal support, they should be deprived of the power of laughing or of enjoying wit, humor, satire.

DEATH OF PIERRE SOULE.

On Saturday last the Hon. Pierre Soule at New Orleans. The deceased was of the remarkable men of the age in France, after a stormy life in his country, he came an exile to America entered the profession of the law; became a United States Senator; was at one minister to Spain; opposed the rebels and left the South rather than link his name with the fire-eating disunionists; returned to New Orleans after the war; and year, while actively engaged in his profession, with his son became suddenly and lamentably insane. The cause of this latter has never been divulged.

We are under obligations to our member of congress, Hon. Jno. M. Crebs, for many services. Mr. Crebs is making a faithful efficient representative; and, as a matter of course, will be rewarded by a nation for re-election. He is just the man to handle the wordy Munro, and defeat with neatness, cheapness and dispatch

A very exciting contest, for municipal offices, is now progressing at Evansville. Political and judicial issues are being thoroughly mixed together.

DISRAELI. The British statesman of Hebrew descent, has written another novel, which will be published in London in May next.

The *Paducah Herald* has an article on "Democratic Graves." We hope the *Herald* will hereafter select more cheerful subjects for editorial comment.

REV. MC. HUGHES. The Rev. Mr. Hughes, who is a contentious sort of religionist, is stirring up the Catholics of Mt. Carmel with a long pole. It is spelling for an unpleasantness.

The attempt of the Hon. D. W. Munn to become a Congressman is a manifestation of audacious ambition—ambition off the same piece with that which induced the frog to burst in an attempt to swell to the proportions of an ox. The effort is as laughable as the fact, that Louisville is now lost in amazement about a hog whose proud soul spurns the lowly estate wherein he was created, and burns with a noble ambition to become a rhinoceros.

CARBONDALE NEW ERA. The Carbondale *New Era* does not admire the man who controls the Metropolis *Promulgator*, the able and distinguished McCartney, and has fallen to abusing him in a most scandalous manner. In the last issue of the *New Era*, McCartney is informed that he has lied without cause or occasion. "You have shown your jackass," the abusive paragraph says, "in trying to find fault with the *New Era*, and now you lie like the devil to cover your stupidity." And this to McCartney! What will Mrs. Grundy say?

The Mayfield (Ky.) *Democrat*, returning thanks to the Paducah *Kentuckian* for a complimentary notice, says, that "those kind words, coming in the habitments of unselfishness, in the infancy of the *Democrat*, are as grateful as the unfolding music of the *Hobla*'s harp, borne upon soft winds from the orange groves of the South!" And now, let us hear no more about Bullard's description of the Lake of Como. The writer of that sentence feeds, we have no doubt, upon rose leaves, and quenches his thirst with delicate draughts of pigeon's milk.

The Republican party, flushed with complete victory, and reinforced by the great army of recruits which will flock into its ranks from among the newly enfranchised citizens, is likely to commit the mistake of almost every strong organization that has flourished in any age of the world. Intoxicated with confidence in its own infallibility, and urged to rashness by the belief that it is invincible, it will most assuredly rush into still greater excesses, and march upon its political Moscow, from which it will fall back shattered and wholly dispirited. Already there is reason to believe the party is starting out upon a disastrous campaign; that it feels its power and does not know how to use it properly. It is one thing to have a giant's strength but it is another to use that strength with wisdom.

GRAYVILLE INDEPENDENT. And now comes the Grayville *Independent*, saying to the *BULLETIN*: Ah! are you there, Mr. Democrat? Now don't you know that there is not a man in the 13th District that the Democracy would so much dread to see on the track as Dan Munn?" Mortifying! Heavens!

Why Daniel grows grace; and, if the Radical editors continue to water him he will spring up to the altitude of a church steeple. We, too, have taught ourself to believe that he is a grand, gloomy and peculiar politician. As the Frenchman said when the wonders of Niagara first broke upon his view: "He is grand; he is magnificent!" By gaw, I think he is pretty good! But for all this we do not fear the redoubtable Dan; and after his nomination we shall let loose upon him Democratic orators who will, without any apparent effort, absolutely annihilate him. We know this is a cruel threat, but duty compels us to make it.

Tears gather in the eyes in announcing the fact that the pious Beecher—Harriet Stowe—swamped over \$16,000 in her recent attempt to blacken the memories of Lord Byron and Mrs. Leigh. Old Stowe, the professor and her better half, will have the profound sympathy of the public in his present uncomfortable situation; for the scandal mongers have it, that Harriet, since her loss, has not been blessed with the patience of Job, or with that gentleness of disposition which is said to distinguish the members of angelic choirs. Since the story of hen-pecked Socrates has been exploded, and on that result, the much-abused Xantippe elevated suddenly to the position of a model dame, we are at a loss for a good illustration applicable to this case. But then, the "old saw" of "grin and bear it" is left us, and we trust, that the professor will, for his own peace of mind, profit by it. Let there be no running after new gods, but—kiss and make up.

GOVERNOR PALMER AND THE CUBANS.

Letter from the Governor of Illinois to Hon. C. M. Clay, New York.

The following letter from Governor Palmer needs no explanation:

Springfield, Ill., March 28, 1870.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of March 18th, 1870, in which you inform me that at the instance of my friend, Gen. John A. Logan, I have been appointed Vice-President, for Illinois, of the association organized to aid the Cubans. I am obliged by this evidence of the good will of General Logan and yourself, but feel it my duty to decline the appointment.

I do not think it consistent with the

public duty of the Governor of one of the United States to aid insurgents against the authority of a government with which the United States are at peace. The Federal government is responsible to the States for the management and proper control of our relations with foreign nations, and the Governor of Illinois cannot with propriety act as the vice-president of an association over whose operations he has no control, and that may, for anything he can do, to prevent it, violate the acts of Congress, enacted to preserve our neutrality. I am an old-fashioned States rights man, I would not interfere with the proper duties of the Federal government, and resist all encroachments from that quarter upon the proper powers and duties of the States. But if so prevented by the foregoing conditions from accepting this position, there are others that are sufficient to prevent me from doing so.

I have no evidence that the so-called "patriotic party" in Cuba have decreed the abolition of slavery, and the fact that their leader is General Jordan, who was for years in arms against our free government, to perpetuate slavery, affords me no very satisfactory evidence of such an intention. The curse of Cuba is slavery—the political slavery of one class and the personal servitude of the black and mixed races. I have no sympathy with or for slaveholders or the friends of slavery, and until the insurgent party of Cuba openly and solemnly denounce the institution of human slavery and make themselves responsible for its overthrow, I am unwilling to assist them or ask others to do so. I have the honor to be very respectfully,

JOHN M. PALMER.

Master in Chancery.

THE PIGEAN MASSACRE.**COL. BAKER'S ACCOUNT OF THE AFFAIR.****ONLY FIFTY WOMEN AND CHILDREN KILLED.**

Col. C. L. Baker, who commanded the troops who lately butchered the men, women and children of an Indian village, writes to Gen. Sheridan, from Fort Ellis, Montana Territory, under date of March 28th, as follows:

In answer to your telegram, which arrived on the 22d instant, I report that, after having made every effort to get the judgment of the officers in command, I am satisfied the following numbers approximate nearly to the exact truth as possible: The numbers killed at the Pigeon villages was 173, of whom 125 were able-bodied men and 53 women and children; 146 women and children were afterward captured and released.

I believe every effort was made by the officers and men to save the non-combatants, and that such women and children as were killed were accidentally killed. The report published in the Eastern papers is wholly and maliciously false. It seems incredible that the false assertions of two persons, neither of whom has made any effort to inform himself in the matter, should outweigh the reports of those engaged in the fight, and who feel that they have nothing to palliate or conceal in their conduct. All that the officers demand of the authorities is a full and complete investigation of the campaign, and less than this cannot be conceded to them.

FLOUR COMMISSION.**HALLIDAY BROTHERS.****GENERAL AGENTS****FORWARDING AND COMMISSION****MERCHANTS****DEALERS IN****FLOUR****And Agents of****OHIO RIVER AND KANAWHA****SALT COMPANIES****NO. 70 OHIO LEVEE****CAIRO, ILLINOIS.****C. W. GREEN.****[Successor to Failes, Green & Co.]****FLOUR AGENT****And General****Commission Merchant****CAIRO, ILL.****S. D. Ayers.****E. J. Ayers.****DEALERS IN****FLOUR****...And General...****Commission Merchants****NO. 133 OHIO LEVEE,****CAIRO, ILLINOIS.****MANUFACTORIES—BARRELS****CAIRO BARREL FACTORY****BARRELS****OF ALL KINDS****LIQUOR KEGS OF ALL SIZES****ON HAND OR MADE TO ORDER.****At the Cairo Barrel Factory,****Foot of Fourth Street,****TRIMMING.****On boat or in warehouse, Done at Call.****SUPPORT HOME INDUSTRY****"No. 2. " 12 00¢****"No. 1. kits " 2 75¢****"No. 2. " 2 50¢****"No. 3. " 2 00¢****ROPE—Machine made, 15¢ per lb.****Band made, per lb. 20¢****RICR—Per lb. 1****SALT—Per barrel 2 00¢****SODA—Per barrel 2 00¢****IN BOXES, per lb. 2 00¢****Bells " 2 00¢****MASS.—****Car Box 419, Cincinnati, Ohio.****LEGAL****MASTER'S SALE.**

State of Illinois, Alexander County, ss. Alexander County Circuit Court.

In the matter of The Illinois Central Railroad Company, vs. William Barker.

Public notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of a decree of court entered in the above entitled cause, in said court, on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1870, of the July term thereof, A. D. 1869, in cause No. 1, between the Illinois Central Railroad Company, plaintiff, on the one hand, and Andrew Popp, of Cairo, Illinois, defendant, on the other, to wit, on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1870, at 12 o'clock noon of said day, will set at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the south-west door of the court house in the city of Cairo, in said county, the real estate described in the above-mentioned decree, to wit, Lot numbered eighteen (18) in Block numbered one (1) according to the recorded map or plat thereof, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereto belonging.

JOHN Q. HARMAN.

Master in Chancery.

Cairo, Illinois, March 16th, A. D. 1870.

Master in Chancery.

March 17th, 1870.

United States of America, Southern District of Illinois, ss.

W. Mc. Kinney, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1869, filed a bill in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois, against the steamboat "Bengal Tiger," her boats, tackle, apparel and furniture, and all personal property belonging thereto, with the prayer of sale, and payment, in the name of the plaintiff, for the sum of \$1,000,000, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the south-west door of the court house in the city of Cairo, in said county, on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1870, at 12 o'clock noon of said day, will set at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, at the south-west door of the court house in the city of Cairo, in said county, the real estate described in the above-mentioned decree, to wit, Lot numbered one (1) in Block numbered one (1) according to the recorded map or plat thereof, together with all and singular the tenements and hereditaments thereto belonging.

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